

Born William Sidney Porter, 1862
Left school at 15 went to
work at a drugstore.

Born in Greensboro, N. Carolina
Moved to Austin, TX.

Left the country due to \$1,000
missing at the bank.

Worked a sheep farm (19)

Married at age (21)

Orrin Henry - prison guard gave
him his pen name.

While in prison began to write

Released from prison early for
good behavior (5 yrs. served 3)

Wrote over 300 short stories.
Died in 1910.

Known as one of America's
short story authors.

Lived in New York, supported
himself by writing

life experiences, gave him real
materials for writing.

He was sympathetic to the underdog.
Unexpected surprise endings =
(irony)